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1. REF A, DR. FLETCHER ARRIVES TOKYO OCTOBER 5, 4:30 PM, NORTHWEST 3; DEPARTS OCTOBER 14, 3:00 PM, PAN AM 2.

2. REF G, DR. FLETCHER PREFERS PLAN DEPART KOBE FOR KAGOSHIMA PM OCTOBER 10 (NIPPON 499) RATHER THAN EARLY AM OCTOBER 11. NASA REQUESTS QUESTION OF PRESS CONFERENCE BE KEPT OPEN UNTIL ASSESSMENT MADE OF TENOR OF DISCUSSIONS IN TOKYO.

3. REF D, ACCOUNT CODE FOR DR. FLETCHER'S TRAIN TICKETS
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IS 8050103 AAA00-2140 REPEAT 8050103 AAA00-2140. JOHN SAKSS,

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JAPAN DESK OFFICER, NASA OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, WILL ACCOMPANY ADMINISTRATOR. ACCOUNT CODE FOR SAKSS' TRAIN TICKETS IS 8050103 IAE00-2140, REPEAT 8050103 IAE00-2140. AIRLINE TICKETS AND FLIGHT RESERVATIONS FOR TRAVEL IN JAPAN ARRANGED BY NASA AS FOLLOWS:

OCTOBER 10 6:55 PM DEPART OSAKA FOR KAGOSHIMA - NIPPON 499

OCTOBER 11 11:50 AM DEPART KAGOSHIMA FOR TANEGASHIMA - JD 511
5:45 PM RETURN - JD 516

OCTOBER 12 6:15 PM DEPART KAGOSHIMA FOR OSAKA - NH 492

4. REF C, DR. FLETCHER'S TALK TO KEIDANREN GROUP EXPECTED TO BE FROM NOTES NOT PREPARED TEXT. SUGGEST KEIDANREN NOTE NASA ADMINISTRATOR WILL PROVIDE QUOTE REMARKS ON U.S. SPACE PROGRAM UNQUOTE. TALK COULD BE TAPED AND NASA WILL BE PLEASED EDIT TRANSCRIPT.

5. REF B, POSITIONS DR. FLETCHER WILL REFLECT ON MAJOR ISSUES FOLLOW:

N VEHICLE UPGRADING: 1969 AGREEMENT ADDRESSES ASSISTANCE FOR N REPEAT N VEHICLE. N-1 AND N-II ARE QUITE DIFFERENT IN THAT THEY SEEK INCREASE PERFORMANCE CAPABILITY 3 OR 4 TIMES. US PERHAPS WILLING HELP BEYOND N ON HARDWARE BASES, AS REFLECTED INFORMATION PASSED LAST NOV 22, BUT PROVISION OF TECHNOLOGY, ESPECIALLY CRYOGENIC, BEYOND N VEHICLES, WOULD IN GENERAL TERMS, REQUIRE MOST CAREFUL EXAMINATION IN EACH CASE. OF COURSE IT IS STATE DEPARTMENT WHICH SPEAKS FOR US AS A WHOLE. WHEN THE JAPANESE REQUESTS ARE DEFINED WE WILL CONSIDER THEM BASED UPON PRESENT POLICY AND NATIONAL INTEREST. NASA INTEREST IS TO PHASE OUT CONVENTIONAL LAUNCHERS FOR SHUTTLE IN 1980 TIME FRAME.

PAYMENT OBLIGATION UNDER MOU: NASA PROVIDES REIMBURSABLE LAUNCH SERVICES AS ACCOMMODATION AND THEREFORE MUST HAVE GUARANTEE COSTS INCURRED WILL BE MET BY USER. PER JOINT PROPOSAL OF STATE AND NASA (REF E), WHILE PAYMENTS TO NASA WILL BE MADE UNDER JAPANESE BUDGETARY PROCESS, GOJ WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

FULLY LIABLE TO US FOR ALL COSTS OF CONTRACTED SERVICES.

INSERTION INTO SYNCHRONOUS ORBIT: CONSISTENT NASA POLICY NOT TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES FOR NON-USG REIMBURSABLE MISSIONS MADE CLEAR TO NASDA TEAM IN MARCH, 1974. NASA UNABLE JUSTIFY PROVIDING SERVICES IN VIEW OF LARGE MANPOWER INCREASE REQUIRED AND HIGH DEGREE OF SUCCESS DEMONSTRATED BY CONTRACTORS. (FYI, NASA EXPLORING ON URGENT BASIS

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POSSIBILITY OF LIMITED HELP WITH INSERTION OF GMS. RESULTS HOPED FOR PRIOR ADMINISTRATOR'S DEPARTURE FOR JAPAN.)

SHUTTLE AND SPACELAB USE: SPACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TO BE AVAILABLE ON REIMBURSABLE OR COOPERATIVE BASIS, DEPENDING ON LEVEL OUR INTEREST AND EXTENT COOPERATION PROPOSED. CONDITIONS EITHER CASE INCLUDE PEACEFUL PURPOSES, COMPATIBILITY WITH INTELSAT, COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY STANDARDS, AND SUFFICIENT DISCLOSURE TO ESTABLISH THAT CONDITIONS MET. WE EXPECT USER MAY ORDINARILY RETAIN PROPRIETARY RIGHTS TO EXPERIMENT RESULTS. USER COSTS NOT YET DEFINED ALTHOUGH NASA EXPECTS COSTS WILL BE COMPETITIVE WITH CONVENTIONAL VEHICLES. RELAXATION OF WEIGHT AND VOLUME CONSTRAINTS, RETURNABILITY, RETRIEVABILITY, REPAIR POSSIBILITIES--ALL SHOULD GREATLY REDUCE PAYLOAD COSTS IN ADDITION REDUCTION IN LAUNCH COSTS THRU MULTI-PAYLOAD CAPABILITY.

WE WELCOME PROPOSALS FOR USE OF STS. JAPANESE PROPOSALS FOR SUBSYSTEMS FOR SPACELAB, IF COULD STILL BE ACCOMMODATED, WOULD HAVE TO GO TO ESRO WHICH IS DEVELOPING SPACELAB IN EUROPE.

6. REF F, LICENSING OF CASTOR II CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW. NASA POSITION WILL REFLECT ANY DECISION REACHED PRIOR VISIT. INGERSOLL

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